IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

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For: METHODS, SYSTEMS, AND A COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM FOR DEFINING AND EVALUATING BUSINESS RULES DURING RUNTIME OF A COMPUTER SOFTWARE APPLICATION PROGRAM

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Mail Stop: RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and remarks contained herein in response to the final Office Action mailed December 31, 2008. Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance.

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AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 50-3537.